I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Fisheries

Experiments with sodium hypo-chlorite carried on at the Tanur Research Station.

* 809 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether experiments with sodium hypo-chlorite were conducted by Sir F. Nicholson;

(*b*) whether the experiments are being continued by the present Director of Fisheries;

(*c*) whether the defects noticed by Sir F. Nicholson have been remedied; and

(*d*) whether the results are satisfactory?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) & (*d*) The results of the experiments that have been conducted are recorded in the administration report, e.g., paragraphs 64 and 65 of the Report for 1932–33.

Experiments, if any, carried on at Tanur Research Station for the preservation of boats and nets.

* 810 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether experiments for the preservation of boats and nets are being pursued at Tanur and, if so, with what results?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraphs 69–72 of the Administration Report of the Department of Fisheries for 1932–33.

Futility of the experiments conducted at the West Hill and Krusadi stations.

* 811 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the nature of the experiments conducted at the West Hill and Krusadi stations and with what results; and

(*b*) whether the results obtained are considered of value to fishermen?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member's attention is drawn to paragraphs 6–7 and 15–51 of the Fisheries Administration Report for 1932–33.

(*b*) The results of the researches carried on at Calicut should be of great value to fishermen, but it can only be after some years that definite conclusions are reached. The main line of investigations at Krusadi Island relates to pearl and chank fisheries which are crown monopolies.